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STATEMENT

For immediate release
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Trigger Warning - Discussion of Sexual Violence

RE: Conduct of the Vice-President Campus Life

Earlier today, a public allegation of sexual assault was made against the Vice-President Campus Life. In light of this allegation and based on the conduct of the Vice-President Campus Life, **we, the Executive Committee, believe that the Vice-President Campus Life is unable to uphold the values of the organization and unable to fulfill his duties.** We have asked him to resign, and he has refused. We are now requesting that the Board of Directors impeach him.

The UTSU does not support rape culture and cultures of violence on campus. Any person who perpetuates these systems of oppression is fundamentally incompatible with our values and mission. We do not wish to have such a person represent us to students, staff, and club leaders.

The UTSU Executive is acutely aware of the seriousness of this situation, and our primary concern is for the safety and well-being of survivors of sexual violence. We have no tolerance for sexual violence of any kind. We wish to assure our members that their safety is incredibly important to us, and we encourage them to address any questions or concerns to the contacts below.

Sincerely,

The UTSU Executives

Anti-Harassment and Respect

We will not tolerate malicious comments about, harassment towards, or violence towards any person involved in this incident. The UTSU Executive will actively condemn any comments which are harassing, malicious, or derogatory; that are discriminatory and based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity; or that serve to perpetuate violence, especially against women, trans people, aboriginal people, people from the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, or any other people who have experienced sexual violence.

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